

LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 1, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked for roll call.

ROLL CALL

Robert Strobe, City Administrator, called roll with Mayor Ramsey, C. Ahern, C. Moore, C. Zuern and C. Phillips present. C. Cook was absent.

Mayor Ramsey asked that AB 06-24 be pulled from the Business section in order to have more time to compare the old contract with the new. **C. Phillips made the motion to pull AB 06-24 per the Mayor's request with C. Ahern seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed.**

PRESENTATION

EVERGREEN RURAL WATER OF WASHINGTON WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mayor Ramsey stated how pleased and very proud he was of being the only city with a population of 10,000 or less to have 2 operators in the same city given the awards. Don Zuern, Water/Waste Water Supervisor, is equally proud of Susan Welland and Rick Gray for the outstanding jobs they have done and to have 2 operators from the same city given the Operator of the Year award. Don Zuern explained the functions of the Evergreen Rural Water operations and the 3-day conference held in Yakima each year, where the operators are given the awards. Mayor Ramsey presented Susan Welland and Rick Gray the awards.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of February 1 and February 15, 2006 meetings
Payment Approval List for Warrant Registers 52038-52100 in the amount of \$64,881.38
Payroll Report for Pay Period Ending February 15, 2006 in the amount of \$63,941.81
Warrants 39958-39996

C. Zuern made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with C. Phillips seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed.

BUSINESS

AB 06-15-1 Fee Structure for zoning code appeals

This agenda bill was tabled at the February 15 meeting for further research by staff. John Schelling, Community Development Director, provided and presented policies and practices from other cities. Discussion on this item from C. Ahern was her concern of a \$400 fee to appeal a sign decision. She feels the issue could be taken care of at the council level. John Schelling explained the Hearing Examiner protects the council from becoming involved. C. Phillips and C. Moore feel that if the appeal is won the fee should be returned to the appellant. John Schelling asked what is the definition of won. There could be an appeal where it is okay to do the project, but you must do these things first. Robert Strobe, City Administrator, gave some examples of administrative decisions that could trigger an appeal. Robert Strobe recommended modifying the resolution to include the language; the Hearing Examiner shall have discretion and jurisdiction to direct that any fees, up to the full amount paid, shall be refunded to a prevailing appellant upon a finding of just cause. **C. Moore made the motion to approve AB 06-15-1 and the amended Resolution 2006-2 with C. Phillips seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed.**

AB 06-25 Easement and Payment for utility work at Culbertson Park

Mike Kitzman, Parks and Streets Supervisor, presented the agenda bill. The work will include the PUD relocating the existing power box and telephone pole located near the children's play area on the south end of the park. The project will also include paving of the area and realigning the right of way. The City's project will include placing power underground for the adjacent residents at City expense. **C. Zuern made the motion to approve the easement and payment to the PUD with C. Moore seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed.**

AB 06-26 Fire Equipment Bid Award

David Glasson, Finance Director, presented copies of the bid packets that were sent out. Two (2) bids have been returned and opened at 3:02 p.m. March 1st. The recommended action was to review the bid results and award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. David Glasson explained that the higher bid by L.N. Curtis would be better because they met more bid requirements than the lower bid by Seawestern and still came in below the estimated bid. **C. Phillips made the motion to award L.N. Curtis the bid with C. Ahern seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed.**

REPORTS

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

C. Ahern presented a request to add playground equipment at 9th St NE and Washington. She explained that Mike Desimone has a budget of \$10,000 to \$12,000 to buy the equipment, and is asking for permission to purchase and install it. The City would need to prep the area and the installation would be by volunteer labor. **C. Phillips made the motion to make this an agenda item for the next meeting with C. Moore seconding**

the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed. C. Moore reported on the dam at the reservoir and waiting for the engineers. He also stated that Don Zuern, Water/Waste Water Supervisor, will be interviewing 2 people for the water plant operator opening, but wouldn't be included in the process since he knew one of the applicants. C. Zuern reported that he would be meeting with Mike Kitzman and Don Zuern for paving projects. C. Phillips ask Chief Wright about the police car grant, and Chief Wright explained the person in charge has been out sick. Don Zuern advised the council of a cross connection meeting March 13th at 12:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Mayor Ramsey stated he has received notification from transportation department of an enhancement grant of \$180,000 to pave Discovery Trail from Seaview to Beard's Hollow. Mayor Ramsey also commented on the retreat. He felt it went smoothly and accomplished a lot and set goals. Robert Strobe, City Administrator, asked the council to tag 5 items from the staff report for priority and direction. He also spoke on changing the staff report format. **C. Phillips made the motion to set a workshop to address the staff report and Ocean Beach Blvd. zoning, with C. Ahern seconding the motion. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion passed.**

Appropriations Request – Public Lands Highway Program, Discovery Trail
Appropriations Request – Beards Hollow Overlook
Land Use Approvals

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Wright stated at the staff meeting after the last council meeting, Mike Kitzman made the suggestion that an 8' fence be put up at the skateboard park and close it for a week if there was a complaint. Chief Wright explained this put the responsibility on the skateboarders and it has worked quite well in Auburn. He also advised that on March 27 a tabletop exercise would take place for tsunamis. Milt Wadler reported to the council his findings on possibly having a library in the building that the Kite Museum has vacated. Robert Strobe, City Administrator, explained the building was donated to the city, to be used for parks purposes. Robert Strobe talked with the city attorney, and was advised if there were no heirs then the property could be considered abandoned and used for something else following a legal process. Milt Wadler stated that Timberland Library would supply all of the books, but the city would have to maintain the building inside and out. After some discussion C. Moore suggested that Milt Wadler work towards gaining public support for the idea. Mayor Ramsey mentioned that he was told that if Timberland Library opened a new library in Long Beach they would have to close one somewhere else. Mayor Ramsey voiced his concern that if the property was deeded to be used as parks it should remain. C. Phillips feels that support from the citizens should be shown before moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Zuern made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. with C. Phillips seconding the motion. 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion passed.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk